

**R E P O R T**  
OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE  
LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF  
QUEBEC,  
AT THE  
GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING,

*Held on the 10th January, 1844.*

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AS it is customary at this season, that the Council, previously to resigning Office, should lay before the Society a Statement of their principal proceedings during the year now drawn to a close ; they submit the following Report, shewing briefly the progress made by the Society in furthering the objects of the Institution, as well as its present condition.

The Council have to lament, in common with the Province at large, the death of the Society's late Patron, Sir CHARLES BAGOT, Governor General of Canada. Removed as he was from this, the ancient seat of Government, the Society had necessarily little intercourse with His Excellency ; but exhibiting in his own person evidences of the education and accomplishments of an English gentleman, and having, during his short career of Provincial Government, manifested a deep interest in the promotion of sound learning, the Society might have confidently hoped for his encouragement and support, if he had been longer spared : those hopes are now directed to his eminent successor, Sir CHARLES T. METCALFE, who, on his visit to Quebec in September last, graciously assented to the request of the Society to become its Patron ; and whose disposition to advance the cause of Education, affords just ground to hope that the Society may enjoy his countenance and encouragement.

Early in the past year, the Council directed their attention to the publication of the first part of a fourth volume of the Transactions of the Society ; which was issued from the press in the month of February last,